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### **RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES**

THOLIC MASS		
CHAPEL	Sunday 8:00	A.M.
RECREATION ROOM-		
Old Hospital	Sunday 10:15	A.M.
DAILY MASS	Chapel 7:30	A.M.
Confessions before	each Mass	

PR	OTESTANT SERVICES			
	BIBLE CLASS-Chapel	Sunday	9:30	A.M.
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	CHAPEL	Wednesday	7:30	P.M.
	RECREATION ROOM-			
	Old Hospital	Wednesday	5:30	P.M.

Religious services are also held every Sunday morning at the Medical Department Enlisted Technicians' School, in the Assembly Hall, 11:00 A.M.

# SUNDAY MORNING SERVICES AT BROOKE'S CHAPEL

Whether you go to Church every week or not, you should find time to drop into the Chapel at Brooke General Hospital some Sunday. Services begin at 10 o'clock and are of less than sixty minutes duration. No matter what your race or creed . . . whether you are of the Catholic Faith, or Jewish, or a Protestant, you are always welcome in the House of God.

Not only will it make you feel good at heart to attend the pleasant services here but you will find these few minutes give you time for meditation—and that's good for the conscience. As you sit in the congregation with your thoughts, you cannot help but feel in closer touch with the Heavenly Spirit.

When you look about you in Brooke's Chapel, you will see soldier-patients in their hospital garb. You will see the Medical Officer and men from the Medical Detachment. You will see civilians. And each seems closer to the other for the Chaplain's message which has touched each one of us.

The soft strains of the organ, the resonant tones of the soloist, the peaceful words of the Chaplain—these are the things that make you think deeply—and feel genuinely thankful to God that you are an American—a free American!

-A Passer-By.

# The Cover Photo

... of Reid Hall is by Private First Class Robert S. Wingate formerly of the Medical Detachment, now taking training at the Medical Department Enlisted Technicians School. Private Wingate is well known around Brooke General Hospital for his "super-duper" photography.

# Colonel Howard L. Landers To Edit War News For Brooke Publication



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COL. HOWARD L. LANDERS, US ARMY (Retired)

(Well known Texas Quality Network Commentator)

OLONEL HOWARD L. LANDERS, well known to San Antonians, who broadcasts his views of the war news on Mondays and Wednesdays at 6:30 p. m. over station WOAI begins a series of articles under the subject of "A War Expert Views the News" with this issue of the Brooke Bluebonnet Broadcast.

Colonel Landers was born in Thurmont, Maryland, June 7, 1874. He received an L.L.B. Degree from the George Washington University in Washington, 1893.

In 1898 while on the San Carlos Indian Reservation, he enlisted in a cavalry regiment to engage in the war with Spain. His troop served as the advance guard of Schwan's Brigade in the Puerto Rican campaign. The following year he was commissioned in the Infantry and went to the Philippines, where he saw war service in the area north of Manila.

In 1901, Governor Taft of the Philippines appointed Lieutenant Landers as first treasurer of Albay Province.

Upon being commissioned in the Regular

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Army, Lieutenant Landers was ordered to the Presidio, San Francisco, where he served with the field and coast artillery. In 1909 he was a student at the coast artillery school, Fort Monroe. He served with this arm of the service until his transfer to the Field Artillery in 1917. During this time his tour included two years at the Command and General Staff School, Fort Leavenworth.

In 1915, when a Captain, he was placed on duty with the General Staff at the War College to prepare histories of the Dardanelles and Gallipoli campaigns and the Japanese operations at Tsing-Tao.

In the summer of 1917 he went to France as a major in the 7th Field Artillery, First Division and soon after was ordered to Neufchatau as chief of staff for the general charged with preparing areas for incoming divisions. Within a few months, he was promoted to a temporary colonel and ordered to the United States to command the 310th Field Artillery of the 79th Division. The division went to France in the summer of 1918 and returned to the United States for demobilization in June of the following year.

Colonel Landers served in the Hawaiian Islands from 1921 to 1925.

In 1927 Colonel Landers was ordered to the Historical Section of the Army War College to take charge of the work of studying battlefields in the United States and reporting annually to Congress, through the Secretary of War, appropriate measures for commemorating them. In 1931, a Committee of Congress asked Colonel Landers to write the history of Yorktown, 1781. The work was published as a Senate document. It is a history of the French participation in the Revolutionary War.

Before retirement in June, 1938, Colonel Landers devoted his time to preparing manuscripts on military and international subjects, and talking or lecturing on these matters before many groups.

Colonel Landers has been broadcasting over the radio for four years, more than two years of this time over WOAI.

# "A War Expert Views the News"

Military Commentator on Texas Quality Network from Station WOAI San Antonio, Texas Mondays and Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m.



HAT General Alexander's
Army Group, composed of
General Clark's Fifth Army,
General Leese's British Empire
Eighth Army, General Juin's
French Army Corps and a divi-

sion of Poles is doing to the enemy in Italy, is quite like the debacle suffered by the Germans and Italians in the final African days around Tunisia and Bizerte. In Africa disaster was brought upon the dual enemy by Allied forces under General Eisenhower. There is a magnificent dash in the surge forward of all elements of Alexander's command, and a triumphant, challenging cry as their explosive assaults break through German resistance that is ever growing weaker.

The Fifth and Eighth Armies are composed of conquerors. For two weeks and a half, since the opening of the initial artillery barrage at 11:00 p.m., May 11, success has rewarded every Allied blow struck. The forceful defense of Cassino cracked under a frontal attack by the British, supported by a penetration of the Poles beyond the dead city to the north, and an even more powerful thrust in the Liri Valley by the French Corps to the south.

Americans of the Fifth Army, hitting hard from the Garigliano River near Minturno, soon brought about their share of the destruction of the vaunted Gustav line, and then hurled themselves into the falsely-touted Hitler line that was easily splintered at Ausonia, Spigno, Formia and Itri. After that, just a week ago, an American patrol walked into Terrachina, the Tyrrhenian Sea anchor-point of a switch-back line from Pico. The patrol did not tarry long in the face of a German counter-move, but the next day enough Americans came up to provide the strength necessary to continue the drive.

Only one mountain barrier remained to be crossed before Clark's men would debouch into the Pontine plain, and again the Germans offered no serious resistance. The junction of the Americans, who had broken the Gustav, Hitler and Switchback lines, with other Fifth Army Americans who had broken through the Anzio beachhead, occurred with the precision of a rehearsed incident.

The Allied beachhead position, where the Germans for weeks opposed and prevented such break-through efforts as were made by Clark's forces, in the past four days, has become a battle ground of numerous British and American victories. Not only the Appian Way, but the Via Casilina also is held by the Allies, and the Germans who are being herded back in front of the Eighth Army have to make use of twisting mountain roads where trucks, mobile weapons, and men are strafed. bombed and destroyed. It is now clearly evident that two months ago Germany foresaw the near approach of the time when her divisions would have to be withdrawn from Italy. Two months ago the Germans saw General Alexander begin regrouping his two armies. The Americans were put into a compact position at the south end of the line; the British were moved south to the Cassino front. We knew nothing of this plan until a few weeks ago. It was this new plan of battle that General Clark told President Roosevelt and General Marshall about, at the time of his recent visit to the United States. The Allies were reinforced and Field Marshal Kesselring knew that when General Alexander struck again, the time would have arrived to begin a fighting withdrawal out of Italy.

Now that the German propaganda-created outer fortress of Europe is about to crash under the impact of blows to be delivered by the Allied Expeditionary Force, the 350-mile salient position in Italy is definitely a burden to the Germans. I am sure the German high command has ordered its abandonment. Kesselring needs to strike a careful balance between the casualties he is willing to suffer in order to somewhat delay Alexander's progress, and the maintenance of eventual fighting strength in

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his twenty-odd divisions at the time they take a stand along the inner fortress of Europe. The German plan of progressive abandonment of Italy will be accentuated when Rome is evacuated by the enemy—an event likely to occur soon after this appears in print. In a broadcast of May 24 I stated my belief that Germany, "by no longer defending the Gustav line, Cassino and the Garigliano River, proclaimed to the military observer that she is on the way out of Italy."

I attach more importance to my broadcast comments of March 29, made in connection with articles that had appeared three days previously in the American army newspaper "Stars and Stripes" and the Canadian army "Maple Leaf." Both articles said in bald language that the Allies had been beaten at Cassino. The articles were avidly gathered into a warm embrace by some, who for weeks had condemned the Allied command for having so little success in Italy, and who viewed the two army articles as supporting their contentions. My views were the opposite of those who by their critical remarks seemed to enjoy tearing down. I said the effect of such articles, put out by a group of enlisted men and junior officers as a general thing, under the high command's supervision, was "to remove partially the sting of remorse suffered by troops who had fought so gallantly and failed, and to make it clear that already their spirits were on the rebound."

Coupled with the acknowledgment of temporary defeat, the "Stars and Stripes" warned the Germans astride the road to Rome that they "live on borrowed time." The "Maple Leaf" said "the next time Allies hit Cassino, it will stay hit." The fighting language of both articles was easily interpreted, if one sought the correct military reason as to how the articles happesed to be published, and under what authority. In my first broadcast after the articles appeared, I said: "I believe the two service papers were permitted to publish that the Allies had been beaten at Cassino, because from that point each article built up predictions of the defeat to be inflicted upon the Germans as a result of the lessons learned."

In a broadcast of April 12, I said that there were far too many of our people who saw in these articles a purpose to attack the several high echelons of command in the Mediterranean theater of operations. Then I asked: "What officer would authorize the publication of an article that directly or by innuendo attacked the higher command?" I concluded the comments

with this: "These articles were published, in my opinion, with the knowledge of the supreme command in the Mediterranean, and probably at the direction of the commander-in-chief."

The success of all Allied efforts in Italy is most inspiring. American troops have from time to time been defeated in a local action, where a battalion or smaller unit was unable to accomplish its mission, but within hours, or a day or two, the tide of affairs turned in their favor. Their near-perfect training, their superior leadership, their unlimited armament of modern weapons and their high morale are the factors that will hasten Allied victory in Italy, and insure ultimate success for those who take part in "The Invasion."

General MacArthur's headquarters announced on May 28 that with the leap-frog invasion of Biak Island in the Shoutens, "for strategic purposes this marks the end of the New Guinea campaign." The communique was bad news to the Japanese, who were brought sharply to face the fact that they have lost the largest of the Netherland East Indies, and are about to experience air and ground invasion of the Philippines. When the three airfields at Biak are captured by forces of Krueger's Sixth Army, Kenney's bombers will be 900 miles from the important base of Davao on Mindanao Island, a range that is quite satisfactory for heavy bomber forays.

MacArthur's declaration that no further strategical move is necessary to end the campaign on New Guinea, signifies that to complete the occupation of all stations and drive the remnants of the Japanese into the jungle, involves nothing more than elemental slugging, dropping airborne troops into advanced positions, and smashing enemy supply lines on land and sea, all of which are tactical problems. New Guinea is 1,500 miles long. MacArthur has fought his way through its entire length, except the 200 miles of the northwest peninsula where lies the airbase at Manokwari, already heavily hombed on several occasions and now about ready to be plucked.

Leapfrogging that MacArthur started when he jumped to Hollandia and Aitape, will carry him to small islands closer to Mindanao, from which such a rain of devastation can be poured from the air upon that southern islands of the Philippines as to soften it for ground invasion. The Biak landing, MacArthur said, means that "now we have secured bases of departure for advances to the vital areas of the Philippines and the Dutch East Indies." I expect to see the Philippines attacked by air before the end of June.

# ... Brooke Decorates Its Heroes...

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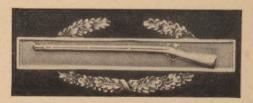


FIRST
PRESENTATION
OF COMBAT
INFANTRYMAN
BADGE AT
BROOKE

Six Combat Infantryman Badges, the first to be presented at Brooke General Hospital were pinned to the blouses and robes of Brooke's patients by Brigadier General Geo. C. Beach, Commanding General of the hospital, on 18 May 1944.

The six men receiving the awards were S/Sgt. Paul W. Shipp, Sgt. Barney Clawson, Sgt. Raymont R. Miller—all from Kenton, Ohio; Pfc. Steve M. Ballew of Oneonta, Ala., Pfc. Albert G. Fleming of Cleveland, Ohio; Pvt. Leslie Aaron of Oak Grove, La., who had been selected by their regimental or appropriate commanders as eligible by satisfactory performance of duty in active combat against the enemy on New Georgia Island, North Solomons Campaign.

Infantrymen, including officers, establish eligibility to wear the Combat Infantryman Badge by (a) Exemplary conduct in action against the enemy or (b) By satis-above.



factory performance of duty in action against the enemy in a major operation as determined and announced by the theater commander.

The Combat Infantryman Badge is shown bove.



#### PURPLE HEART

For wounds received in action against the enemy. Also awarded posthumously. The ribbon is royal purple, edged with narrow white. Awarded to the following:

Major MILTON J. LANDRY of San Antonio, Texas. Wounded 22 January 1944 in Italy by artillery shell fragments. Presented Purple Heart 7 May 1944.

T/4 EDWARD G. SULAK of West, Texas. Wounded 23 November 1943 in Italy. Presented Purple Heart on 11 May 1944. Corporal FRED M. SMITH of El Paso, Texas. Wounded 12 January 1944 at Cervarro, Italy. Presented Purple Heart on 11 May 1944.

T/5 THEODORE F. BANIK, of Crosby, Texas. Wounded 7 December 1943 near Migrano, Italy. Presented Purple Heart on 11 May 1944.

T/5 JOE E. LEONARD of San Antonio, Texas. Wounded 11 December 1943 by a fragment near Venefro, Italy. Presented Purple Heart on 11 May 1944.

T/5 CARL F. STEPHENSON of Okmulgee, Okla. Wounded 8 December 1943 near Venafro, Italy. Presented Purple Heart 23 May 1944.

Private DANIEL H. NAIL of Hammond, Miss. Wounded 25 May 1943 near Holtz Harbor, Attu, Alaska. Presented Purple Heart 23 May 1944.



# NEWS from the Army Nurse Corps

By 1st Lt. Bertha M. Connolly, A. N. C.



# FORMER B.G.H. NURSE RECEIVES SILVER STAR



For heroism during action on the Fifth Army's Anzio-Netbeachhead in Italy, three officers of the Army Nurse Corps were awarded the Silver Star-the first three women in the history of the United States Army to receive that decoration. The decorations were presented by Major General

John P. Lucas, U. S. Army, to Lts. Mary Roberts, Dallas; Texas; Elaine Roe, Whitaker, Wis., and Rita Virginia Rourke of Chicago, Ill. All three were cited for their coolness and efficiency during a concentrated shelling of a field hospital area in February of 1944. Several nurses were killed and many other military personnel were wounded. Power lines were cut, and doctors and nurses were forced to treat and evacuate the wounded by flashlight.

Lt. Roberts was stationed at Brooke General Hospital as a member of the 56th Evacuation Hospital, which she joined in May of 1942. The unit was not only active here but went on Louisiana maneuvers in July of 1942 and returned the following December. They once again played an active part here, until the late spring of 1943 when the unit left for overseas.

There are those of us who remember how impatient the nurses of that unit were to be off and in the thick of it. In spite of the fact that it took them some time to be on their way, there is no question that they have been placed in one of the most active positions Army Nurses have undergone heretofore.

Lt. Roberts while here, was on duty in the operating room where she was well liked by all with whom she worked, and, as on the Anzio-Nettuno Beachhead, performed her duties both with efficiency and willingness.



Photo by U. S. Army Signal Corps

# DISTINGUISHED VISITORS TO REID HALL

Lt. Col. Utie I. Kleibscheidel, ANC, visited Brooke General Hospital over the week end of April 29. She was accompanied by Mrs. Walter Lippman, National Director, Volunteer Nurses' Aide Corps. Mrs. Lippman was on tour of the hospitals of the Eighth Service Command where Nurses' Aides are being utilized at the present

Colonel Kleibscheidel was stationed at Brooke General Hospital previous to her assignment in the Office of the Surgeon, Eighth Service Command, and her many friends were happy to greet her.

Lt. Col. Kleibscheidel and Lt. Col. Elizabeth Harding, chief nurse, Brooke General Hospital, are seen in conversation with Mrs. Lippman in the photograph above. It was taken at Reid Hall when Mrs. Lippman and Col. Kleibscheidel were honored guests at a buffet supper.

### NURSES' UNIFORM

By Edgar Guest

Prouder dress no woman wears, whatsoever be her station:

Simple though it is, it bears pride of glorious occupation.

Silk must fall where it is thrown, fashion fawn on idle beauty, (Continued on Page 8)

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Nurse, to wear that dress you own symbolizes love of duty.

There's no other dress that stands for so much of brave endeavor;

Ministry of gentle hands; skill devoted, patient, clever.

King's buy dresses for their queens. Rich men robe their dames in satin!

Nurse, your shoulder linen means it was bought on terms, in Latin.

Gowns are made to catch the eye. Fortune's symbol many a wrap is.

But there's nothing gold can buy lovelier than a nurse's cap is,

Charmers dance in silk at night, tawdry stuff, and all may share it!

Proud, that uniform of white! Just the bravest few may wear it.

When Mr. Guest wrote the above poem, he had in mind, the civilian nurse we all were, at least when we completed our nurses training. Right now I'm afraid he might have some difficulty in dashing off a poem of similar length that could be titled "Nurses" Uniform of the ANC" or some such idea.



When the ANC first went into their dress uniform in July of 1942, it was the "blues" we donned. We had blue dresses and blue suits. Then, just when everyone began feeling at home in their blue dress uniform, it was decided that, after all, blue was the Navy's color and since the rest of the Army was in olive drab and khaki, plans were at once started to get the ANC into the same color. It was no small assignment for the Quartermaster to do a complete "about face" on what the well dressed Army Nurse should wear, so naturally it has taken some time. However we at home (Nurses overseas were

issued their olive drab uniform almost immediately) are even now seeing results. We have been able to purchase the olive drab uniform for at least ten months and are now being issued a complete uniform. Here at Brooke General Hospital, Captain Borg has done a fine piece of work and when we step out in our new issue, much credit is due her.

Of course, we nurses of the ANC, especially here in Texas, where the mercury soars in the good old summertime, still like our regulation beige for the warmer weather. Even though we have light weight olive drab dresses and suits, the light beige gives the impression of being cooler.

So it will soon be a fact, the Army Nurse will appear in dress uniform in either one of two colors, olive drab or beige. There's something to be said for that; because we've all seen it, two or three nurses together in town dressed in different colors and even different styles of uniform.

The evenings of really dressing up in a formal are at an end too. AR-600-37 change 2, Par. 1, has changed all that. We have been most fortunate here, in being allowed to wear them up to the present time, thanks to our Commanding General and Chief Nurse.

Last, but not least, the Basic Training class has put aside those heavy fatigues we've seen them "Hut, two, three-ing" in all winter, and are wearing the seersucker uniform dresses, which although not exactly flattering to most, certainly are much more comfortable for summer months.

# THE ANC'S DRILL SERGEANT SPEAKS

You think you've a tough job
In Iceland or Nome;
I'll swap you the one that
They've slipped me at home,
I'm drilling the women
The best that I can,
But can't yell the things that
I'd yell to a man:

"Eyes right, ya gorilla;"
I once used to shout,
But that and "Hey, fathead:"
Are both strictly out;
Of jobs in the service
The hardest is mine—
I've got to discard all
My old army line.

Did privates toe in? I
Could yell, "Lissen, stupe,
You do that again you'll
Get socked for a loop:"
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"Chins up, ya baboons," was My cry through the day, But drilling the dames, well; It ain't the same way.

"Eyes right: Are ye cock-eyed? I'd yell in loud tones, But now it's "Please try once Again, Mrs. Jones:" "Hey: Throw out your chest: Stow That barroom effect:" Are into the discard; they Ain't quite correct:

"Hey, mug: Wipe that grin off," I loved that so much But can't use it now for It lacks the right touch: "Ya bowlegged scarecrow:" Is off my routine; It's now "Watch your form, if You don't mind, Miss Green."

"C'mon, ya big droop, get Some snap in them knees" Went well with my old squads, But NEVER with THESE. "Your shirt's out, ya dumbell" I can't yell no more . . . Forgive me my groans, it's One elluva war.

"That hat is no ale can To hang on one ear" Is now out of order With "Pull in ya rear." But this is what slavs me And makes my head dance: No more can I bellow. "Hey, pull up them pants!"

# PLEDGE OF THE ARMY NURSE

- \* As an Army nurse, I accept the responsibilities of an officer in the Army Nurse Corps.
- \* I shall give faithful care to the men who fight for the freedom of this Country and to the women who stand behind them.
- \* I shall bring to the American soldier wherever he may be the best of my knowledge and professional skill.
- \* I shall approach him cheerfully at all times under any conditions I may find.
- \* I shall endeavor to maintain the highest nursing standards possible in the performance of my duties.
- \* I shall appear fearless in the presence of

- danger and quiet the fears of others to the best of my ability.
- \* My only criticism shall be constructive. The reputation and good name of the Army Nurse Corps and of the nursing profession shall be uppermost in my thoughts, second only to the care of my patients.
- \* I shall endeavor to be a credit to my Country and to the uniform I wear.

## MAJOR RUHAN HONORED AT DINNER

Major K. L. Ruhan, Chief Nurse at the Old Hospital, was honored at a farewell dinner last Friday evening in the Cascade Terrace, St. Anthony Hotel, given by the nurses of the Old Hospital.

Spring flowers formed the center piece of the table and during the evening musical selections were enjoyed.

Honored guests besides Major Ruhan included Lt. Col. Elizabeth Harding, Captains Florence Judd, and Holga Borg and Lt. Elizabeth Kiolbassa.

Major Ruhan, when asked to talk, emphasized what an outstanding hospital Brooke is and remarked "The reputation of Brooke General Hospital is in a large way, due to the Leadership of its Commander: Brig. Gen. Geo. C. Beach. It is ability, such as General Beach possesses, which helps us all to follow through."

Major Ruhan also remarked that it had been a great inspiration to her to be at Brooke and also mentioned that people may talk about "brass hats" but it is a wonderful thing to see the ANC all in beige.

Lt. Col. Harding was also asked for an expression and it was a delight to all when her talk included the following philosophy: "It is such a fine thing to live in the past, because you always remember the good things."

Four Red Cross recreational and Social Workers are hereby extended a vote of thanks for the grand job of assisting with the plans for Major Ruhan's farewell dinner which was a complete success.

# LT. COL. HARDING PRESIDES AT CIVILIAN NURSES' GRADUATION

Lt. Colonel Elizabeth Harding acted as "Master of Ceremonies" at the graduation of civilian nurses at the San Pedro Playhouse on Saturday evening, May 20th. Nurses graduating were from the Rob-

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### ANC NEWS

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ert B. Green Hospital, the Medical and Surgical Hospital, and the Physicians and Surgeons Hospital.

After the invocation by Dr. Richard Spann, D.E., a greeting was delivered by Colonel Harding who extended a welcome to those of the graduating nurses who are planning to join the Army Nurse Corps. Miss Harding then introduced those appearing on the program.

Dr. Paul J. Schwab, Ph.D. Dean of Trinity University gave the main talk and Dr. Herbert Scatterberg and Judge Anderson presented the pins and diplomas.

Sgt. C. J. Robinson, Jr. of Brooke General Hospital's Chapel and Miss Balbina Ahr of San Antonio gave several vocal selections and the Randolph Field Concert Orchestra played "Selections From Carmen," and also the Recessional.

Benediction was offered by Chaplain Albert S., Vaughan.

## IN APPRECIATION

By Sgt. Frank Day

You never see her on parade, Like WACS and WAVES and such; She's much too busy working hard To keep away Death's touch.

But just behind that bloody line Where soldiers fall and curse; An angel waits to see you through, A U.S. Army Nurse.

Her gentle voice that understands, Will soothe and ease your pain. Her cheery smile cannot but help To make you well again.

The countless, homelike, things she does, Come only from the heart; She's everything a soldier wants . . . His mother, wife, sweetheart.

I won't forget her tender skill, From Pvt. Joe to Capt. Bill; My thanks to you . . . I wish folks knew The hell you've seen and waded through I'd like to tell the universe; God bless you, keep you, Army Nurse.

> Reprinted from The Stars and Stripes, 12 June, 1943



Photo by U. S. Army Signal Corps

KEZIAH HIBBARD, 1st Lieut. Army Nurse Corps, at the front door of Reid Hall, Nurses Quarters, Brooke General Hospital, Fort Sam Houston, Texas. Miss Hibbard is one of the Assistants to the Principal Chief Nurse and has been in the Army Nurse Corps since Dec., 1923.

As this issue of the B. B. B. goes to press we will have said our "Good-byes" to Capt. Florence Judd, ANC, who left Reid Hall and Brooke General Hospital June 1 to take up her abode at Camp Barkeley, Texas. Good luck, and God bless you, Judy!

INVASION
IS
EVERYONE'S JOB!
FOLLOW THROUGH
WITH MORE
PURCHASES
OF
WAR SAVINGS BONDS!



### GENERALLY SPEAKING

At this writing we suggest a "posie" for the administrative staff at MDETS, for the fine job they've had to do each month in facilitating the exchange of trained Medical Department Technicians for those who are ready to begin their instruction program. At this time each month, the decks are virtually "cleared for action," and as the typewriters hum, personnel records are completed, transportation is arranged, registration is accomplished, personnel records are initiated, dental and physical condition surveys are made, and in record time a new cycle is begun. We have a smooth machine for this procedure which is well oiled by the experiences of three years of accomplishment.

There is a real feeling of pride for us as we see each group of graduates leave, well trained and prepared for a real service in the Medical Department. With the arrival of each new group of students there comes the challenge to us to devote every effort toward preparing, each man individually, for the great task ahead. This is our mission, and it is gratifying to report each month, "Mission accomplished!"

#### **ACTIVITIES**

The "G.I. Graduation Frolic," which was presented 9 May, was a big success, with thirty-eight enthusiastic performers playing to a full house of appreciative spectators. Highlights of the performance were imitations of Lt. Col. Roland J. Jauch, and 2nd Lt. John J. Ward, which were ably presented by Pvt. J. N. Tull and Pvt. Robert Wilson respectively. Pvt. Frank Wheeler and his Marimba Trio almost stopped the show with their rendition of the William Tell Overture, which was very effectively presented. Skits for the show were presented by each of the school sec-

tions and the music was provided by the Fort Sam Houston Cannoneers.

Brigadier General C. K. Nulsen was reviewer of troops at the formal review, and gave the graduating students an inspiring message at the graduation ceremony. Major "Commando" Sartorious, commanding Provisional Company "E," carried away the honors at the review by having the best drilled company. Congratulations to barracks 9, 10, and 11.

## PERSONALITIES

Best wishes from Company "A" are extended to Sgt. Oran Johnson, Company "B" clerk, and Miss Betty Brown, who were married at Itasca on 20 April 1944.

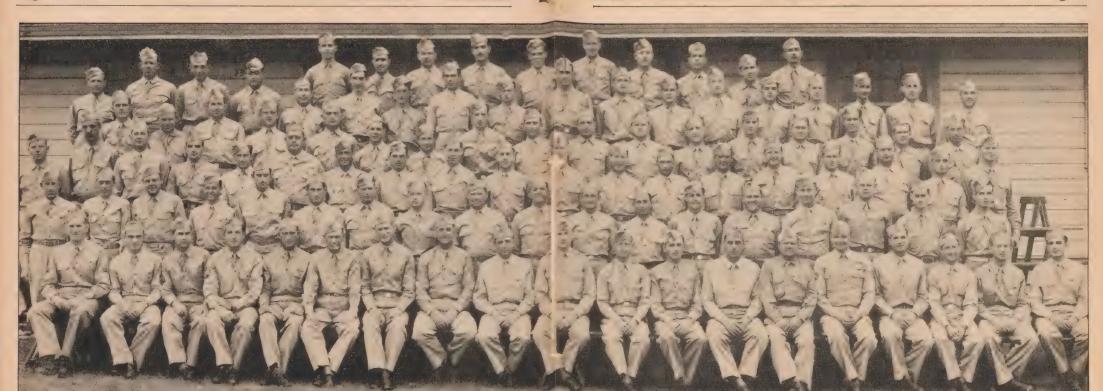
Captain "Casanova" Kelley says insurance is a good investment, but not as good as War Bonds.

Lt. "Cadence-Exercise" Herbert is quite the tennis performer. We at MDETS haven't found anyone who can even make expend himself.

Golf continues to remain the first choice of Col. Fargo, Major Renick, Major Dickerson, and Lt. Green. Sgts. Naiman and Webster also were bitten by the golf bug, and each is trying to beat Lt. Green's record on the fairway.

Lt. "Joe" Ward gets his exercise working with the Brooke General Hospital baseball team, while Major Daggett gets his exercise walking (but fast) to and from the mess hall. Lt. Col. Jauch and Captain "Pinkey" Scott are getting in shape on the tennis court.

Pvt. Fred J. Theemling's chest measurement has increased a full twenty inches lately. He is the proud papa of a fine baby boy.



Recent picture of MDETS' permanent cadre. Reading from left to right . . . oh, well, just put a "halo" over your head, fellows, and send this issue home, saying "This is me, Mom."

# THE HUMBLE MEDICAL TECH

Just a short six months ago, It seems more like a year I took up the cross of Uncle Sam And all that I hold dear.

I left my wife and baby son
To fight for freedom's right,
I thought that I would get a gun
And help to show our might.

But they put me in the Medics (A sissy bunch, I thought)
But how I was enlightened
By the things that basic taught.

They taught me how to ease the pain Of soldiers sick and sore. They taught me how to heal their wounds, And send them back for more.

I'm fighting with a needle And though I'll never shoot a Jap I'm proud to serve my country, Any place upon the map.

BROOKE BLUEBONNET BROADCAST

No, I'll never gain the glory Of killing off the Hun But I'll glory in the knowledge Of saving some good Mother's Son.

> Pvt. Robert W. Wilson Co. B. Med. Service School (Student) Shelbyville, Ky.

## PASS THE HISTORY, PAPPY!

(Reprinted from a Kentucky newspaper).

To the Editor of The Times: After spending a little over a year in Texas, I have here, I believe, a correct outline of the history of the United States as a Texan would write it.

1492—Columbus discovers America. Contrary to rumor, Columbus was not an Italian but a Texan who was recognized as royalty in Queen Isabella's court.

1620—First Texan sets foot on Plymouth Rock.

1774—Texans organize Continental Congress.

1775—Texans always enemies of tyranny, begin the American War of Independence.

(Same Year)—Paul Revere's ride. Paul was not from Texas, but his horse was.

(Still Same Year)—Valley Forge—one of the darkest moments in history, ranking next to the Alamo.

1776—Texans help Yankees draw up Declaration of Independence.

(Same Year)—Washington crosses the Delaware, piloted by a Texan.

1812—British discover naval supremacy of Texans.

1845—The Union joins Texas.

1898—Texans win Spanish-American war.

1914—Texans complete Panama Canal. 1918—Texans drive through Argonne and win World War I. 1929—Texans try to warn world that Wall Street crash is imminent.

1941—U. S. caught napping at Pearl Harbor, calls on Texas to declare war on Japan. 1943—Texans fight Nazi tanks barehanded.

1943—Texas newspaper headlines invasion of Solomon Islands with: "Texans Plant Lone Star Flag on Shores of Bougainville."

(Signed) Cpl. Arthur L. Woods, Laughlin Field, Texas.

### WIDE OPEN SPACES

S/Sgt. "Chigger" Grimmer reports that these "Rebel Red Bugs" have a real appetite for fresh cornfed Yankee ham.

Ten more members of Company "A" of MDETS participated in the recent overnight bivouac. Some fun!!?

NOTE: See Pages 14, 15 and 16 for Brooke and MDETS Sports.



# BROOKE SPORTS

Edited by Pvt. R. C. Guthrie.



#### JACK KRAUS AT BGH



Another star was added to BGH's flag of famous personages recently with the aseignment of Jack Kraus, one of the outstanding pitchers in the major leagues last season, to the Medical Detachment.

Big Jack hurled last year for the Philadelphia Phillies in the National League and finished the season with a record of 9 wins against 13 losses; which is a very commendable record considering the position of the Phillies in the N. L. standing. The outstanding feature of Jack's record was the fact that he downed the Brooklyn Dodgers six times during the year.

Kraus is a San Antonio boy, and graduated from Brackenridge High School. His first big-time professional baseball stint was with Durham, N. C., in the Piedmont League. Following this, he went to Macon, Ga., and then jumped to the International League with Montreal before making his debut in the majors.

Jack is now pitching for the Brooke General Hospital "Medics. Speaking of the "Medics," after getting a somewhat slow start due to reorganization, they are now rolling full tilt, and have a very promising schedule coming up.

The second week of baseball activity saw the Brooke General Hospital "Medics" really hit their stride. They began the eventful schedule by dropping a very close encounter to the strong Brooks Field team of the Army Service league, 3-2. Jack Kraus, making his first start on the hill for the Hospital nine, was touched for one hit and two runs in the first inning, but after that, was invincible in setting down the Gan-

ders without a hit and chalked up six strikeouts. Del "Whitely" Hartman finished the game and allowed only one hit and one run for the remainder of the contest. The "Medics" outhit the Ganders 5-3.

The next game saw the Hospital team chalk up their first win over tough opposition when they downed the powerful San Antonio Aviation Cadet Center 4-3 in a thrilling 13-inning affair at Fort Sam. Carl King, former Canadian league hurler, and leading won and lost pitcher for Brooke, pitched masterful ball until the tenth inning when he was relieved by Hartman. King, in the nine innings he worked, allowed only three hits. The Medicos led throughout until the ninth when SAACC pushed across two runs to go into the lead. Brooke came back to tie up the game in their half of the inning and went on to clinch the game in the thirteenth on a walk to John Yarbrowski and a two-base hit by "Lefty" Fair.

The next contest saw the "Medics" take an 18-1 win at the expense of Kelly Field Base Detachment team. King chalked up his second win in going the route for the Medics. Kilmer and Hartmann led the hit parade with three hits in four trips to the plate.

The Brooke team now has a won and lost record of 3-2. Future schedules reveal very promising baseball results.

## SOFTBALL RESULTS

By T/5 Robert I. Burkett

The Brooke General Softball team is now firmly entrenched in second place. The strong Kelly Field team being in the lead by only a half game. With the addition of several new players the Brooke General team is becoming unbeatable. All teams have greatly improved since the first of the season. The last round coming up, promises to display some very good and tightly contested games. The scores for the last few games are as follows:

Brooke	General	3	156 OM Bakery	2
Brooke	General	2	YMCA	3
	General		Butter Krust	
		4	Kelly Field	2
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Brooke	General	9	Athletic Club	.0
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# BROOKE GENERAL TRACKSTERS PLACE FOURTH IN ALL-ARMY MEET



The Brooke General Hospital track team made a very commendable showing in the All-Army track and field meet at Alamo Stadium Sunday, finishing fourth in a field of six and scoring a total of 25 points.

San Antonio Aviation Ca'det Center won the meet with a team total of 36½ points, only one point better than Hondo Navigation School, second place finishers. Randolph Field was third with a total of 30 points and the BGH entry next with their 25 total. Brooks and Kelly Fields followed with 11 and 6 points respectively.

Easily, the outstanding feature of the BGH entry was the fact that the entire 25 point total was made by three men. Ted Haese, one man track team, and former Southwest Texas Teachers College star, running for the Hospital team, placed third in the individual scoring for the meet, by carrying away



Ted Haese

two first places in the 100-yd. and 220-yd. dashes, and a second in the broad jump.



Pete Watkins

The other men who were responsible for the very good showing of the team, were Pete Watkins, Southwest Conference High Jump Champion from Texas A. & M., who easily won the high jump with a leap of 6.3 inches. Watkins also placed third in the 120-yd. low hurdles. Del

Hartmann, former University of Kentucky athlete, placed third in the mile run to give the BGH team its final points.

Another Brooke General runner who stole the show, with an outstanding performance, although it did not count in the point total, was little Tommy Crane, great distance runner from Springfield College, Mass. Tommy easily won the 4-mile Marathon, feature race of the meet, finishing approximately a quarter of the total distance in front of the second man.

in front of the second man. Tommy's time for the course, which ran from the Alamo in downtown San Antonio to the stadium and once around the track, was 22 minutes and 45½ seconds. Ted Haese's time for the 100-yd, dash was 10 seconds flat. He ran the 220 in 22.8 seconds

The winner of the individual point championship of the meet was Sgt. Earl Brooker, of Randolph Field. Brooker won the 1 mile run, 880 and was a member of two winning relay teams to mass a total of 15% points. Kroll of San Antonio Aviation Cadet Center, was a very close second with a point total of 15. Haese was third with 13 points.

All in all, the Brooke General Hospital entry did very well considering, in copping four first places, one second and two thirds in this huge meet, which was studded with former college university greats. The consideration being that only four of the BGH entries were experienced tracksters and that only twelve of the entire program of twenty events counted in the championship scoring.

The program was dotted throughout with special events which really entertained a fairly good crowd of San Antonio track fans. The two outstanding ones were, the 4-mile Marathon, and the exhibition 100-yd. dash, featuring San Antonio Jefferson High School's Charlie Parker, the human bullet, and his running mate, Perry Samuels.

Parker won the dash, as he has every other time in the past two seasons, with Samuels close at his heels, and Ted Haese of Brooke only a pace behind, in the terrific time of 9.6 seconds.

Other unusual events which were held during the day were 44-yard shuttle-relay for WAC's, which was won by Randolph Field's entry; 220-yard first aid relay, using (Continued on Page 16)

# .. BROOKE SPORTS CONTINUED

# TRACKSTERS PLACE

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a litter and patient to demonstrate the speed and efficiency of removing wounded from the battlefields to Batallion Aid Station in the front lines. Two teams participated with the 5th Auxiliary Surgical Unit winning and Brooke General Hospital second.

Lt. Isabel, of Post Engineers and Lt. John J. Ward of the Medical Service School were the BGH team coaches.

Events in which Brooke General Personnel placed were as follows:

4-Mile Marathon Run: Tommy Crane, BGH, winner; Stanton, Kelly, second. Time, 22 minutes, 45½ seconds.

22 minutes, 45½ seconds.

Broad Jump: Kroll, SAACC, winner; Ted Haese, BGH, second. Distance, 21 feet, 11

inches.

High Jump: Pete Watkins, BGH, winner; Zackary, Brooks Field, second. Heighth, 6 feet, 3 inches.

One-Mile Run: Brooke, Randolph, winner; Swanson, SAACC, second; Hartman, BGH, third Time 4 minutes 50% seconds

third. Time, 4 minutes, 50½ seconds.

220-Yard Dash: Ted Haese, BGH, winner; Kroll, SAACC, second. Time, 22 minutes. 8 seconds.

100-Yard Dash: Ted Haese, BGH, winner; Hondo, second. Time, 10 seconds.

120-Yard Low Hurdles: Kroll, SAACC, winner; Carpenter, Hondo, second; Watkins, RGH third Time 13 minutes 4 seconds.

BGH, third. Time, 13 minutes, 4 seconds. Team Results: SAACC 36½; Hondo 35½, Randolph 30, Brooke Gen. 25, Brooks Field 11, Kelly 6.

# MORE BASEBALL

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The month of May finds the MDETS' team on a winning streak. The kinks have been ironed out and the team has begun to click in true Service School style by winning seven in a row. with four shutouts!

2	May-Trinity University	1	11
5	May-MDETS' Officers	0	8
5	May-3547 Ordnance	0	21
8	May—25 Med. Depot	0	3
11	May—BGH (Old Hosp.)	0	13
13	May—159th QM Bakers	4	5
	May—Conn. Unit		
16		7	10

T/4 Bos has really found his pitching arm and while the team gave him some beautiful support, the laurels of these shutouts are truly his. Areskog on third base, and Earnhardt on first, have been turning in some outstanding jobs, both in fielding and in hitting.

# Batting Averages of the School Team Up To and Including Thursday 11 May

Pla	yer	Games	AB.	H.	Ave.
1. A	reskog	10	28	11	.393
2 Ea	rnhardt	7	22	8	.364
3 Sc	hmidle	4	11	4	.364
4. V	ielkel	4	14	5	.357
5. St	atton	11	34	12	.356
6. Ca	arlton	10	31	11	.355
7. H	auk	13	42	13	.310
8. H	ase	13	37	10	.270
9. E	sselstyn	8	20	4	.200
	OS		22	4	.182
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### **BATTING AVERAGES**

Brooke General Hospital "Medics"

1. Lesky1.00		.166
2. Fairly	0 10. Candrava	.166
3. Kilmer	2 11. Fair	.153
4. Broadway33		.152
5. Olson	3 13. Guthrie	
6. Wray53	3 14. Griffith	.000
7. Hartmann 2.0	0 15. Karmaikades _	.000
8. Codispodi18	1	



"You'll have to ignore Pvt. Zanny, Sir . . . He's trying for a Section VIII . . . !"

# CONVALESCENT RETRAINING UNIT NEWS

EDITED BY SGT. JOEY GOTTLIEB

## Wrestling Promoter Extends Standing Invitation to Special Service Officer Of Convalescent Unit

Miss Dorothy Livengood, "rassling" promoter of San Antonio, Texas, has extended to Lt. Fabian, Special Service Officer of the Convalescent Unit, a standing invitation for sixty (60) men of this Unit to attend the Wednesday night wrestling matches at the Municipal Auditorium, San Antonio, Texas. And to make doubly sure that the men will enjoy the matches, Miss Livengood has a reserved ringside section for the men of this Unit. Our hats are off to you, Miss Livengood, for your wonderful contribution.

## Santa Rosa Cadet Nurses Guests At Convalescent Unit Picnic

On Saturday, May 6, 1944, 50 Cadet Nurses of Santa Rosa Hospital, were guests of the Convalescent Unit, at a picnic held at Salada Creek Park. To be certain no one would go hungry, Lt. Post, Assistant Mess Officer, supplied plenty of fried chicken . . . and all the trimmings.

The pie-eating contest, which was part of the hilarious program, was won by Miss Ritchie, who in spite of the fact that cherry pie was the predominant facial makeup, still retained her natural beauty, and personality. The picnickers also indulged in baseball, volleyball, horse-shoe pitching and dancing. Music for dancing was furnished by the world's greatest bands, including such names as Benny Goodman, Harry James and Tommy Dorsey . . . (recorded of course) and the grassy terrain offered no obstacle to the jitter-bugs, who performed their gyrations in their usual bouncy manner. Our thanks to Sister Andrews of Santa Rosa hospital for making possible the appearance of the girls.

# Nixon and Gillette, Texas, Ranchers Play Hosts to 16 Men of Convalescent Unit

Sixteen very lucky GIs of this Unit left Friday morning, May 12, for Nixon, Texas. They were met at the train by families of Nixon and Gillette, Texas. There they were divided into groups, and four men went with the Hewell family, two with the Walkers, four more with the Hyatts, four with the Davises, and the other two men went with the Sunkel family. According to reports received here from soldiers of

this Unit who have already been on the different ranches, "It's three days of Paradise." Many of the gracious hosts have sons in the service, and wanted someone in uniform to be with them on Mothers' Day. The arrangements for the invitations were made through the efforts and cooperation of Mr. Harker, of the St. Mark's Episcopal Church, San Antonio, Texas.

### 40 MEN ATTEND RODEO

On Friday, May 12, 1944, 40 men of this Unit were guests at the Jaycee Texas Contest Rodeo, which was held at the Sports Arena of Brackenridge Park. The tickets were presented to the unit by the Junior Chamber of Commerce of San Antonio, Texas How much the men enjoyed the rodeo was summed up by one soldier who said, "Besides being the first rodeo I had seen in a couple of years, it was one of the best!" We might also add that the general comment of the men from the East, who had never before seen a rodeo (them thar city slicks) was, 'Mighty fine, ah reck n, mighty, mighty fine!"

# NEW PLAYWRITING CONTEST ANNOUNCED

Having concluded its initial competition for playwrights in uniform, the National Theatre Conference, with the War Department's approval, announces the Second Playwriting Contest for men and women of the Armed Forces. The New Contest, which invites the entrance of all ranks and branches of service, offers as awards cash prizes totaling \$1500 and the opportunity to be recommended for valuable post-war scholarships.

As in the first NTC Contest, classes of competitive writing are five: long plays, one-acts, skits and blackouts, musical comedies, and radio plays.

In order to make the competition more equitable, the Second NTC Contest, which opened 1 May, 1944, will have two divisions. Material mailed by servicemen within the United States will be entered in the CAMPS division. The mailing deadline for this division is 1 November 1944. Material entered in the OVERSEAS division, the mailing deadline of which is 1 December, 1944.

Interested men and women should write to the National Theatre Conference, Westtern Reserve University, Cleveland 6, Ohio, for a copy of the terms which govern the Contest.

# BGH PHYSICAL THERAPY BRIEFS

Capt. Elsie Kuraner left Sunday, 14 May, for New York City, to attend the Conference of the American Physiotherapy Association. Part of the conference was to be devoted to a survey of suggestions for schools of Physical Therapy, through which Capt. Kuraner will probably develop a lot of new ideas. On her return trip, she will stop in Leavenworth. Kansas for a visit with homefolks.

Lt. Hatfield just completed two weeks basic training and says it really helped slim her waist line. Her only difficulty with basic was the morning struggle with son Haywood, over the tin hat which they both wanted to wear.

Lt. Mari Williams from the Physical Therapy Department at Camp Maxey has completed her basic training here and will spend a couple of weeks observing in our clinic with special attention given to peripheral nerve injuries.

Lt. Fern Green has returned from Mexico City where she spent a Super-Duper vacation. She reports that her uniform created quite a sensation, as women in uniform there are very rare. We hope to see the movie news reel that carries the picture made of her while attending the races.

Lt. Eva Gere has returned from visiting in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Miss Isabelle Armstrong who is on leave in Hutchinson, Kansas, writes she's having loads of fun playing golf.

Speaking of golf, Lts. Green and Hayes report it's fine on the Fort Sam Houston course these days. Lt. Ted Drotning, one of our former patients and now stationed at Camp Barkeley, Texas, was seen out on the greens recently.

Misses Margery Short, Dorothy Jarvis, Kay Leonard and Georgiana Windham, spent Mothers' Day in Waxahachie, Texas, with the latter's parents. After a strenuous weekend, riding horses and busses, the girls would have appreciated some of their own treatment for their aching backs and other anatomical areas.

On the second anniversary of the WAC Organization, the WAC Students, Class V in our Physical Therapy Training Course, participated in the parade held in the downtown section of San Antonio on Monday, 15th of May.

Cpl. Luigi Desisto is so homesick for his home state of Rhode Island that he fails to appreciate the beauties of TEXAS except the one from SEGUIN.

We shall miss our patient Av/C Charles Schleeweis, as he's going to spend the next month at a Dude Ranch in Bandera. Have fun, Charley!

Everyone is talking dude-ranching these days, and all the P.T.'s are investing in blue jeans and checked shirts for such weekend vacations.



# RED CROSS ACTIVITIES AT B.G.H.

# "FROM A PATIENT'S POINT OF VIEW

By Amy Hinman Marett
Red Cross Recreational Worker—Annex II

Matriculation is completed and I am comfortably propped up in bed wondering how I will like or dislike my new home for the next few days or weeks. The doctor and nurse have had their say and I find the rest of the day largely my own. Before making new acquaintances, I decide to look around and take in my surroundings. To my astonishment most of the beds were decorated with bright splashes of color. My curiosity led me to inquire the why and wherefor of the rugs, belts, and lanyards made by the men. I hardly had time to ask when a lady with a crisp grey dress and veil dashed in to instruct my neighbor in the art of handcraft. At first my curiosity was aroused as I watched the varn woven into an intricate design. As the work continued I became intrigued by the progress and I made a date with the Gray Lady to meet her the following Tuesday and Thursday afternoons in the Day Room to select colors for my own rug. I could visualize my mother beaming with pride when she would show her friends the rug I had made—and while I was sick in the hospital too!

During the course of the afternoon I became involved in a game of cribbage. It was my first game since the days aboard ship coming back to the States. The going was slow at first, but several of the other men in the Ward were expert players and I caught on quickly. In fact, after an hour or so, I found myself teaching a Red Cross Recreation worker the right way to play the game. She had been visiting with the men distributing cigarettes and having a lot of fun joshing first one man and then the next. Before long, several kibitzers gathered around and a good time was had by all.

That evening, every patient who was able, attended the gala birthday party in the day room. A decorated table in the center of which was a beautiful cake with lighted candles, struck our attention as we entered the room. An icy green punch

was being served while an orchestra was playing "Happy Birthday to You" for all those men with birthdays in May. "The Termites," a swing orchestra gave a fast-moving, good show after we had devoured all the cake and punch we could manage. General J. A. Porter then presented a huge leather-tooled Birthday Book to Annex II. It is to be kept in the Day Room permanently and will undoubtedly be the source of many reunions when new men check through past signatures. But I couldn't forget to mention the many charming young ladies who were our hostesses during the evening. They are a sure cure for "hospitalitis." I have since found these parties occur every Monday evening and I can assure you I haven't missed many.

Our Day Room in Annex II is furnished in Texas ranch-style furniture. Every afternoon we drop down to exchange a book, listen to the music and sample the cookies or candy, or just to see what's doing. All of we men feel that this room belongs to us and we are proud of it when our friends visit us there.

Each morning the Gray Ladies come through the wards with, first of all, their bright smiles, followed by magazines, matches, and what have you. The little intangibles that make life more worthwhile, seem to be their business.

## GRAY LADIES AT YOUR SERVICE

We are here in the hospital seven days a week, and to serve you is our desire and pleasure at all times; be it a letter home, get you a package of cigarettes, show you how to weave a rug, give you your favorite magazine. Shopping for you is always a pleasure at the Post Exchange or in town.

Our morning activities start at the Red Cross House serving you coffee. We are always ready for a game of ping pong, card games throughout the day, wrap those packages for you to send the family at home and, of course, to listen to the real high lights of your home state.

—Ruth King Haile Chairman Red Cross Gray Ladies.

# HERE and THERE at BGH



Prelude: If you've noticed a slight scar on the left side of Fred Leisering's forehead, you'll know it happened like this (at least, Freddy says it's so):

SCENE: Kitchen-bathroom arrangement (?) approximately 2'x4' in size, at the "SHACK-OUT-BACK CLUB.

CHARACTERS (What characters!!): 2nd Lt. Fred Leisering, 2nd Lt. Larry Pfeiffer. TIME: 7 p. m. of a Thursday evening, some time in May.

THE PLAY-BY PLAY: Enter our hero (Fred?) carrying a large dishpanful of DIRTY dishes, which he promptly puts into the tub (pan-and-all). Our hero is comfortably attired for the occasion. As he seats himself upon the floor, he heaves a big sigh but nevertheless hangs himself (so to speak) over the side of the tub and begins the direful task. After several strenuous hours of ceaseless, thankless effort, the household duties (dishes only) are finished. Our hero then proceeds to rise from the floor to leave the room but in his haste, our hero promptly-and we do mean promptly—crashes into the soap tray pro-truding from the wall above the tub. The result is obvious—too obvious for comfort, our hero thinks. At first he is loath to cry out but when our hero realizes he is really cut and bleeding profusely, he comes to action and dashes madly from room to room (or we should say from bathroom to bedroom to bathroom to bedroom) in great desperation. As a last result he fumbles at the medicine cabinet in which he finds some "monkey blood" and proceeds to dash it nervously on his wound.

ENTER SUB-HERO LARRY: (Larry is our hero's bosom companion) Larry having been duly (?) educated at the Battalion Surgeons' Assistants' School proceeds to bandage our hero's wound (We'd like to have seen this), helps our hero to bed, administers shock treatment (liquid???) tucks our hero in and awaits the arrival of the doctor. For DAZE our hero lies

there, white as a sheet and weak from loss of blood . . . but finally he comes back —to work!

THE END.

Ed's Note: Fred, we are told, is now most anxiously awaiting the presentation of the Purple Heart—for "wounds received in action."

Congratulations Fred and Larry — for getting to bed before 12 o'clock three nights in succession. Even Fred and Larry can't believe it!

Lt. Leisering (who's him?) has given up smoking—cigarettes. What's her name, Fred?

... there are various and sundry comments that have been made regarding Fred's and Larry's "GI" haircuts—too bad we can't print 'em here.

Who is it who says, "Yup! Yup! Big operator"?

Lt. Leisering says he's given up SMOK-ING. (It says here in small print.)

Who is attributed for having said the following: Quote, I've quit smoking for good, unquote?

Gee-odfrey-Cats! Is this edition dedicated to the Nurses or to one Frederick L. Knight of Nights?

## OTHER BGH HERES AND THERES

If something you cannot figure out, Call Sgt. Townsend when he's about— Annex IV.

—He has all the answers (so I'm told).

How does one really spell DOSTOBITOPM@—or could we mean DISTRIBUTION?

"She" received a huge box of chocolates and a Red, Red Rose. Also a note simply inscribed "For Mother!" But she's not his Mother—what does this mean K.E.?

The following was received some time ago addressed to the Brooke Bluebonnet Broadcast:

"Dear Sirs:

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# Here and There

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"I've just read your initial issue of B.B.B. and enjoyed it very much.

"It made me terriby homesick for Fort Sam as I spent 10 very happy years there and have many pleasant memories.

"My greeting to anyone I know there or

who remembers me."

(Signed) Pauline Mitchell, A.N.C. Retired.

Those at Brooke might like to write Miss Mitchell so we're adding her address: Ward 12, Fitzsimmons General Hospital, Denver 8, Colorado.

FOR THOSE AT BROOKE WHO ARE INTERESTED—CAPTAIN LEE A. AHR, M.A.C., is the Detachment Commander at Northington General Hospital, Tuscaloosa, Ala.

"We keep the door closed to keep out the draft," claims Mr. Abbott.

BROOKE GENERAL HOSPITAL DOESN'T ALWAYS GET THE CREDIT IT DESERVES—

Recently in a local paper a story was published about T/Sgt. Hubert L. Heimer of San Antonio being awarded the Legion of Merit for "exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in North Africa and Italy from June 11 to October 23, 1943."

As a non-commissioned officer in charge of the surgical service of an evacuation hospital, Heimer devised a system for increasing the facilities of the sterilizing room, the citation said, adding that he thoroughly trained assistants in efficient sur-

gical service practices.

THIS IS WHAT BROOKE DIDN'T GET CREDIT FOR:

Heimer received all of his training at both the Old and New Brooke Hospitals having been on duty since 1934 until 1942 at which time he joined the 56th Evacuation Hospital which was attached here for training prior to overseas assignment. He was the enlisted man in charge of Brooke's operating room at the time the hospital moved into the new location and all of his knowledge on sterilizaton was learned in Brooke's operating pavilion.

## A "G. I. JOE" SPEAKS

The following is quoted from a letter to Doris Simmons from S/Sgt. Joe Williamson of San Antonio, who has been stationed somewhere in England for more than two years:

"Speaking of the Red Cross, they sure

are helping the fellows here in England. There are two girls (American) who come around once a week. They have a big van that they call a Clubmobile—we call it a rolling kitchen. They come out in the merning and cook doughnuts and coffee, then serve to all the boys here.

"If it wasn't for the Red Cross, the boys wouldn't have a place to sleep when they are out on pass. They lease big hotels and make Clubs out of them—a place to eat and sleep. Lots of the hotels are crowded with people who have been bombed out of homes and it is impossible to get a room. The Red Cross is doing more good than some of the people realize there, I think."

The above is an excellent example of what the Red Cross is doing for our boys overseas and is a good reason why we should all help this fine organization.

### DICTAPHONE DIDOS

For obvious reasons, authors of the following dictaphone "distractions" have been purposefully omitted:

"The Eyes of Texas Are Upon You"...
look out Texan, the Yankees'll get ya!"

"See—for a dirty story."

"COME IN!"—right in the middle of a sentence!

"Dammit! Can't talk back now!"

"I was coerced into this by Miss--!"

"That is all!"

... and then there's the WOLF-ISH whistle we enjoy after a certain somebody signs off his dictation!



"I wouldn't sit there . . it might be a Boobytrap"

# 22 More BGH Civilians Awarded 6 Months Service Ribbons

The employees of Brooke General Hospital listed below have been awarded the sixmonths' Service Certificate and Service Ribbon of the Army Service Forces for having completed six months or more of continuous and faithful service, effective 8 May 1944.

Susie K. Jones, Jr. Cook-Mess 8 Leta E. Frye, Jr. Cook-Mess 10

Gilberta W. Dobbins, Jr. Cook-Mess 1 John W. Wilkerson, Jr. Laborer-Outside police

Vicente R. Talamantez, Jr. Laborer-

Outside police

Adelino L. Ramos, Jr. Laborer-Outside police

Bennie B. White, Jr. Ward Attendant-

Roosevelt Stanfield, Jr. Ward Attendant

Vernella V. Smith, Ward Attendant-

Ward 9 Suzie Z. Grant. Ward Attendant-Ward 2

Pearl H. Thomas, Mess Attendant-Mess 2

David Reed, Mess Attendant-Mess 7 Frank G. Martinez, Chauffeur-Garage Maurildia M. McGrew, Clerk Stenogra-pher—Annex 3, Patient Personnel

Maude E. Jabara, Clerk Typist-Annex

3, Patient Personnel

Lucille J. Benton, Clerk Typist-Annex 3, Civilian Personnel

Vivian S. Hildebrand, Clerk Stenographer, NP Service

Virginia M. Malinowski, Clerk Typist-Annex 3. Patient Personnel

Mabel M. Geno, Clerk Typist-Annex 3, Patients Personnel

Kathleen E. Ward, Clerk Typist-Annex 3, Patients Personnel

Rowena E. Calhoun, Clerk Typist-An-

nex 3. Patients Personnel

Santos G. Perez. Mess Attendant-Service School

# HAVE YOU GIVEN BLOOD TO THE **RED CROSS BANK?**



The following names make the "Honor Roll" this time:

Mary Ehler, dietitian, 12 times Wanda E. Detless, 7 times Bonnie L. Forrest, 5 times William A. Wurts, WOJG, 5 times Constance Alexander, 4 times

The following have given blood at the Blood Bank three times: Mary Irene Block, Pearl Lee Coin and Margaret Dickerson.

# Women! Uncle Sam Needs You For the W. A. C.

MEN-UNCLE SAM APPEALS TO YOU TO URGE WOMEN OF YOUR FAMILY TO JOIN THE WAC-In the coupon below, list the name or names, address, age, marital status and race of any woman you know who would make a good recruit for the WAC, and remember, they need not necessarily reside in San Antonio. Turn filled-in forms to The Office of The Commanding General, Brooke General Hospital, Fort Sam Houston, Texas, as soon as possible.

SUGGESTED	NAMES	FOR	W.A.C.

NAME Address

Town and State Age Race Married Single

NAME Address

Town and State Age ...... Race ...... Married ..... Single ......



## **ELUSIVE LITTLE PEST**

In the wee hours of the morn My peaceful slumber a mosquito did scorn. As it hummed and soared from my head to feet

I squirmed about and pulled up a sheet. A choice nip at my elbow he would take

Then the climax came when of my chin he did partake!

I felt of it gingerly to find a lump like a door knob,

So determined and resolute I tackled the job

Of hunting down that doggone little pest That at my desire to sleep did jest!

First I toddled to the medicine cabinet And dabbed at my chin with everything

But 'twas all absolutely to no avail.

in it.

It itched and hurt until I was about to wail.

So simply owl-eyed from sleeping so hard.

Yawning and groaning 'cause I was so tired.

Armed with spray gun and fly swatter I stalked that guy from corner to corner. Just hoping my prey wouldn't get away

As the sky heralded the first streaks of day.

(So sorry-didn't get him. Poor 'lil sleepy me.)

# "G. I. POEM"

Here I sit on my GI bed, With my GI hat upon my head, My GI pants, my GI shoes; All is free, nothing to lose. GI razor, GI comb-GI wish that I were home. They've issued me everything I need; Paper to write, on books to read, My belt, my socks, my GI tie, All are free, nothing to buy. They issue me food that makes me grow-

GI wish I were on furlough. I eat my food from a GI plate, And buy my needs at a GI rate. It's GI this and GI that; GI haircut, GI hat-Everything is GI issue-Oh, my darling, GI missyou.





# CELEBRITIES VISIT AT BROOKE

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Right—PEGGY O'NEILL and MAXINE FIFE admire the loom-work done by Pfc. Glispie B. Anderson, Cleveland, Ohio, patient in Ward 8 at Brooke General Hospital. Peggy and Maxine visited the hospital on April 29th.

Left—MARY BRIAN and ERNEST COSSART screen stars, stop at the Information Desk, Brooke General Hospital, for a telegram which Sergeant Jolly Frances of the Medical Detachment, BGH, is handing to Miss Brian. The stars visited Brooke on May 10. (Sgt. Jolly—how 'bout an orchid for this?).



Left—Pvt. Wayne A. Gaddy of Rolla, Missouri, Pvt. Elo H. Kienning of Gonzales, Texas, ER-NEST COSSART and MARY BRIAN, screen stars and Pvt. Charles M. Brown of Freemont, Nebraska, get together for a little chat.



Right—PEGGY O'NEILL and MAXINE FIFE visit the Clinical Laboratory at Brooke General Hospital and S/Sgt. Clinton A. Witt, at left, and Pvt. Norman A. Monk, at right, show the screen stars how to adjust the microscope.



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